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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant submits the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 for consideration during prosecution of the above-captioned patent application filed on October 12, 2001. Applicant hereby requests the Examiner to review and make an independent evaluation of the art.

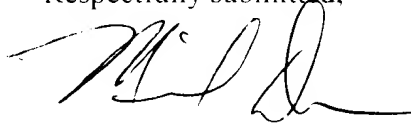
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